

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning October 15, 1972, as the third annual Drug Abuse Prevention Week.

I call upon officials at every level of government, upon educators, medical professionals, and communicators, upon the business community and the civic groups of our Nation, upon the churches and the clergy, and upon all who bear the special trusts of parenthood and care of the young, to rededicate themselves during this week to the total banishment of drug abuse from American life.

I urge every American to commit himself wholeheartedly, beginning now, to this supremely important humanitarian cause.

—IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4165

National Day of Prayer

By the President of the United States of America

October 9, 1972

A Proclamation

The great king Solomon, told in a night vision to ask what he wished of God, was reverent and humble enough to pray, "I am but a little child . . . Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart . . . for who is able to judge this Thy so great a people?"

In our time as in Solomon's, no nation can expect to prosper and live in peace—no people can govern themselves wisely—except they invoke and rely on the divine wisdom.

In all our concerns and all our affairs as a nation, both at home and abroad, prayer should be not merely an embellishment, but an essential: both the prayer of affirmation that our God is great and good, that He made us and not we ourselves, and the prayer of petition that He may guide and protect us every one.

In 1952 the Congress directed the President to set aside a suitable day other than a Sunday each year as a National Day of Prayer, in recognition of the profound religious faith on which America is built.

66 Stat. 64.
36 USC 185.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 18, as National Day of Prayer, 1972.

I call upon all Americans to pray that day, each after his or her own manner and convictions, for Deity's blessing on our land and for peace on earth, goodwill among all men.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4166

Country Music Month, October 1972

October 9, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The heart of a people is found in their music, and no music is more deeply rooted in the soul of America than country music.

It is no accident that country music is more popular today than ever before. For in the strum of the guitar, the twang of the banjo, and the proud pure voices of country singers, we hear the echo of America's past and the hope for our future.

Strong, simple and moving, country music reflects the joys, the sorrows and the ideals of our people. Love of family, love of country, faith in God, and the happiness and heartbreak of everyday life—these are the themes that run throughout our country music, and that bind us all together as Americans.

Who can resist tapping foot and joining in when the strains of country music strike up? Country music belongs to no one region or set of people, but to us all. It has given us some of the greatest entertainers and folk heroes, and we have taken it to our heart as a nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, ask the people of this Nation to mark the month of October, 1972, with suitable observances as Country Music Month.